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PASS TO THE SECRETARY

PARIS ALSO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

GENEVA FOR CSCE AND MIDEAST DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE: EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
DISCUSSION

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS DETAILED REPORT OF

POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL'S DESCRIPTION TO ME OF EC  
POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE EURO/ARAB  
DIALOGUE. SUMMARY OF DETAILED REPORT, WHICH INCLUDES  
REQUEST FOR U.S. REACTION, WAS TRANSMITTED IN BONN 8567  
END SUMMARY

1. AS INSTRUCTED, I PRESENTED FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR  
VAN WELL THIS MORNING (MAY 30) WITH THE TEXTS OF THE  
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND UN PROTOCOL. VAN WELL  
ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED THE SUCCESS OF THE SECRETARY'S  
MISSION. HE SAID THE SECRETARY'S NEGOTIATIONS IN THE  
MIDEAST HAD PROVOKED CONSIDERABLE EXCITEMENT AND  
FAVORABLE COMMENT DURING THE MAY 27-28 EC POLITICAL  
COMMITTEE MEETING IN BONN. VAN WELL TERMED THE  
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT "A GENUINELY HISTORIC EVENT OF  
GREAT IMPORTANCE ALSO FOR EUROPE."

2. VAN WELL THEN TURNED TO THE PC DISCUSSION OF THE  
EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN A CONSENSUS  
THAT THE NINE WOULD AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE GOLAN  
HEIGHTS NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE GOING FORWARD. VAN WELL  
SAID HE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE NINE TO INFORM AND CONSULT  
WITH US ON THE FOLLOWING EC PLANS WHICH THE POLITICAL  
DIRECTORS HAVE SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE NINE  
MINISTERS AT THEIR JUNE 10-11 MEETING IN BONN.

3. THE MAIN PC RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE MINISTERS  
AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENCY, VIA FRG AMBASSADORS, TO HAND  
OVER THE EC AIDE-MEMOIRES TO THE 19 ARAB CAPITALS PLUS  
SOMALIA FOLLOWING THE JUNE 10-11 MINISTERIAL. WHILE A  
FURTHER MINISTERIAL DECISION IS IN FACT NOT REQUIRED,  
THE NINE WISH TO AFFORD THE OPENING OF THE DIALOGUE A  
CERTAIN STATUS BY OBTAINING MINISTERIAL ENDORSEMENT.  
FOLLOWING THE EC MINISTERIAL MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER  
GENSCHER WOULD INFORM THE PRESS IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT  
THE EC PLANS. AT THE PC MEETING, THE DUTCH AND DANISH  
POLITICAL DIRECTORS FAVORED AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENCY  
TO CONTACT EGYPT BEFORE THE JUNE 2 MEETING OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF ARAB PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES. THE  
DUTCH AND DANES PROPOSED THAT EGYPT BE INFORMED ON JUNE 1  
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THAT THE NINE MINISTERS PROBABLY WOULD DECIDE ON JUNE 10-  
11 TO AUTHORIZE THE DELIVERY OF THE EC-9 AIDE-MEMOIRES  
TO THE ARAB STATES. THE DUTCH/DANISH HOPE THAT SUCH  
A PRELIMINARY INDICATION WOULD INDUCE EGYPT TO ADVOCATE  
THE DROPPING OF THE OIL EMBARGO BY THE ARAB OIL  
PRODUCING STATES AGAINST DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS.  
VAN WELL NOTED, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT REPRESENTA-  
TIVES OF THE NINE HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN TELLING THE

ARABS IN BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS THAT THE  
MAINTENANCE OF THE EMBARGO AGAINST COPENHAGEN AND THE  
HAGUE WAS COMPLICATING THE INITIATION OF THE EURO/ARAB  
DIALOGUE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, VAN WELL SAID THE FRG (PRESIDENCY) HAS  
INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR STELTZER TO INFORM EGYPT JUNE 1  
(SATURDAY) OF THE LIKELY EC MINISTERIAL DECISION.

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STELTZER'S INSTRUCTION IS SUBJECT TO TELEPHONIC CONFIRMA-  
TION FROM BONN ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 1. VAN WELL SAID

HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF WE WOULD PASS HIM IN TIME ANY REACTION THAT THE U.S. MIGHT HAVE TO THE ABOVE "PLANS."

5. VAN WELL DID NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE FIRST CONTACT OF THE EC PRESIDENCY WITH ARAB EMISSARIES WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE SUMMER OR DURING THE FRG PRESIDENCY, WHICH PASSES TO FRANCE JULY 1. HE CONSIDERED THIS PROSPECT "TO BE VERY UNLIKELY ALTHOUGH IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED." HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AN ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING WAS SLATED PERHAPS FOR LATER IN JUNE  
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OR EARLY JULY. HE EXPECTED THAT THE EC AIDE-MEMOIRE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AND AN ARAB STATE REPLY WOULD BE FORMULATED AT THAT TIME. THE FEELING OF THE NINE, WHICH SEEMS TO BE SHARED BY ARAB CONTACTS, IS THAT THE FIRST ENCOUNTER BETWEEN FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND THE ARAB EMISSARIES SHOULD BE PRECEDED AND PREPARED BY EXPERT TALKS IN ORDER TO ASSURE SOME CLARITY AS TO THE ORGANIZATION AND LIKELY RESULTS.

6. TO THAT END, VAN WELL RECALLED THAT GERMAN FONOFF MIDEAST DIRECTOR REDIES RECENTLY HAD VISITED CAIRO FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ARAB LEAGUE EXPERTS. AS HE REPORTEDLY DID WITH AMEMBASSY CAIRO, REDIES GAVE A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL ACCOUNT OF HIS DISCUSSIONS TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, WHICH CONSIDERED HIS MISSION TO HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE AMEMBASSY CAIRO OR DEPT REPEATING ANY REPORT OF BRIEFING BY REDIES ON HIS MISSION IN EGYPT. END COMMENT.

7. VAN WELL SAID THE PC CONTEMPLATES A FURTHER -MISSION TO CAIRO BY REDIES, ACCOMPANIED BY THE QUAI MIDEAST EXPERT AND EC COMMISSION EXPERTS, FOR -PREPARATORY TALKS WITH THE ARAB LEAGUE. THIS "SECOND REDIES MISSION" WOULD OCCUR AFTER THE JUNE 10-11 MINISTERIAL BUT BEFORE THE END OF JUNE.

8. IN DISCUSSING THE LIKELY SUBSTANCE OF THE EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE, VAN WELL REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER WOULD BE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, AGRICULTURAL AND TRAINING COOPERATION. EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSON HAD GIVEN A LONG ACCOUNT TO THE EC OF SUBSTANTIVE COMMISSION PREPARATIONS ON THESE ISSUES. VAN WELL SAID THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED. HE ADDED THAT THE NINE HAD ALREADY MADE CLEAR TO THE ARABS THAT THEIR DIALOGUE WAS NOT DESIGNED TO DISCUSS THE MIDEAST CONFLICT AND COULD IN NO WAY INTERFERE WITH U.S. PEACE EFFORTS AND SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA.

9. IN CLOSING, VAN WELL SAID THERE WAS A PC CONSENSUS ALSO TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED APPROACH TOWARD THE MIDEAST, INCLUDING CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL. HE SAID THE EC MIDEAST  
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WORKING GROUP IS ALSO PREPARING A MEETING WITH ISRAEL. VAN WELL SAID THE ISRAELIS AGREED THAT THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE NINE FALLS MOSTLY IN THE AREA OF EEC COMPETENCIES--PARTICULARLY THE APPROCHE GLOBALE. NONETHELESS, VAN WELL ADDED THAT ISRAEL WILL BE INFORMED THAT THE PC PRESIDENCY IS ALSO PREPARED TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL.

10. I UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON, NOTING THAT THERE WAS ONLY A SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR ANY REPLY BEFORE STELTZER'S JUNE 1 MEETING IN CAIRO. VAN WELL SAID IT HAD BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO POSTPONE THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE DIALOGUE FOR SO LONG', PARTICULARLY GIVEN CONTINUED STRONG INDICATIONS OF ARAB INTEREST. HE RECALLED BRANDT'S STATEMENTS IN ALGIERS AND CAIRO EXPRESSING DETERMINATION TO GO FORWARD WITH THE DIALOGUE. ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTIFLIKA HAD MOST RECENTLY EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN OPENING THE DIALOGUE. REDIES ALSO WAS IMPRESSED WITH ARAB INTEREST DURING HIS TALKS IN THE MIDEAST. THE NINE HAD MADE THEIR DECISION TO GO FORWARD DEPENDENT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE SECRETARY'S MISSION AND THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONSULTATION ISSUES (SEE SEPTTEL ON CONSULTATION ISSUES).

11. DEPARTMENT - PLEASE PASS AS APPROPRIATE TO OTHER MIDEAST CAPITALS.  
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